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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN COMMERCIAL CARGO PREFERENCE MEASURES

REF: (A) STATE 117954, (B) 76 ALEXANDRIA A-042

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY AMCONGEN
ALEXANDRIA FROM GOE MIN OF MARITIME TRANSPORT:

REPORTED GOE REQUIREMENT RESERVING 30 PER CENT EGYPTIAN
IMPORT AND EXPORT CORGOES FOR EGYPTIAN FLAG VESSELS DOES
NOT APPEAR TO EXIST IN FORM REPORTED REFTEL. HOWEVER,
ARTICLE 6 PRESIDENTIAL DECREE #12 OF 1964 PROHIBITS FIRMS
OR ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH GOE HOLDS 25 PER CENT OR MORE OF
SHARES FROM SHIPPING GOODS ON SHIPS OTHER THAN EGYPTIAN
FLAG VESSELS. IN ADDITION, ARTICLE NUMBER 1 OF MINIS-
TERIAL DECREE 221 OF 1974 REQUIRES ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND
FIRMS IN WHICH GOE HAS 25 PER CENT OR MORE INTEREST TO
GIVE PRIORITY TO SHIPPERS IN FOLLOWING ORDER:

- A. EGYPTIAN MERCHANT MARINE FLEET (NATIONALIZED
SHIPPING COS.)
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- B. ALEXANDRIA SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION CO.

- C. ANY OTHER EGYPTIAN FLAG VESSEL.

2. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT GOE CONSIDERING ACTUAL
IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIREMENT SPECIFICALLY RESERVING 30

PER CENT EGYPT'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR EGYPTIAN FLAG
VESSELS. AS REPORTED REF B, EGYPTIAN MERCHANT MARINE FLEET
(INCLUDING PASSENGER LINERS AND TANKERS) CONSISTS OF SOME .
41 SHIPS TOTALLING 271,875 DW TONS. EVEN TOTAL ADHERENCE
TO ABOVE-CITED DECREES OBVIOUSLY WOULD NOT EFFECTIVELY
RESERVE 30 PER CENT EGYPT'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR
EGYPTIAN BOTTOMS.

3. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD COPIES OF RELEVANT DECREES TO
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